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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

October 18, 2016

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF UNSPENT FUNDS
OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996,
ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL
DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
GRANTS AND GRANT AMENDMENTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$11,925,000 in Specified and Competitive Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and allocate an amount not to exceed \$5,675,000 in Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for grants and grant amendments to the grantees and projects listed herein.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects, excluding the South Coast Botanic Garden Children's Garden Project and Puente Hills Landfill Nature Center Project, categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the projects.
2. Approve an Alternative Plan of Expenditure to fund the projects listed herein by reallocating an amount not to exceed \$11,925,000 in unspent Specified Funds and Competitive Funds, as identified in Attachment I, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.
3. Allocate Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District and not to exceed \$5,675,000, as identified in Attachment I, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks

Proposition of 1996.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to award grants to the recipients identified herein and in the amounts listed when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants and grant amendments as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate residual Specified Funds and Competitive Funds, and allocate Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) and award grants and grant amendments totaling an amount not to exceed \$17,600,000, as follows:

- South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation (SCBGF): Children Garden Project - \$7,000,000
- Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA): Rowland Heights - Puente Hills Acquisition Project - \$1,000,000
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT): Mayberry and Sorensen Skate Parks Project- \$2,000,000
- Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR): Puente Hills Landfill Nature Center Project- \$5,000,000
- City of Long Beach: Various Projects - \$2,600,000 as follows:
 - o 14th Street Park Expansion - \$200,000
 - o El Dorado-Restroom Rehabilitation - \$250,000
 - o El Dorado-Duck Pond Restoration - \$300,000
 - o Various Park Landscaping and Irrigation Improvements - \$944,000
 - o Houghton Park Improvements - \$300,000
 - o Stearns Park Improvements - \$200,000
 - o Wrigley Greenbelt Trail - \$325,000
 - o Red Car Greenway - \$81,000

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award grants to the grantees and projects listed when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by providing grant funds to enhance healthy activities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in amounts not to exceed \$11,925,000 and \$5,675,000, are budgeted in RPOSD's Assessment and Excess Project Funds, HB4 and HD6, respectively.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. Each recipient identified herein meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for Specified, Cities, County, and Competitive Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

The Alternative Plan of Expenditure (Alternative Plan) is the mechanism utilized to reallocate unspent Specified Funds pursuant to the 1996 Proposition. The Board may utilize the Alternative Plan to reallocate and award 1996 Proposition Specified and Competitive Grant Program Funds as well. The funds recommended for reallocation herein are residuals from the Specified and Competitive Grant Programs authorized under the 1996 Proposition.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The public agencies listed below are the lead agencies for their respective projects.

The appropriate environmental documents for the SCBGF proposed Children's Garden and the Puente Hills Landfill Park Master Plan, which includes the DPR proposed Puente Hills Landfill Nature Center, will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to requesting authorization to construct the projects.

The WCCA proposed Rowland Heights- Puente Hills Acquisition project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of acquisition of land to help preserve high quality natural habitat found in the Puente Hills ecological area, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15325 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 25 (a) of the County's Environmental

Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves acquisition of land to preserve the existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats.

DPR is the lead agency for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust proposed Mayberry and Sorenson Skate Park Project. The Project, which consists of design and construction of a new skate park, approximately 8,000 to 10,000 square feet in size and necessary related improvements at each park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301, 15303 (e) and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3 (b) and 4 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities; construction of small new structures and minor alterations to land.

The City of Long Beach proposed 14th Street Park Expansion Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of demolition and site improvements for an expansion parcel of 14th Street Park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (l) and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (h) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves demolition and removal of individual small structures and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Long Beach proposed El Dorado-Restroom Rehabilitation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of new restroom finishes and furnishings in two restroom facilities at El Dorado Park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves interior or exterior alterations at an existing facility.

The City of Long Beach proposed El Dorado-Duck Pond Restoration Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of restoration of the Duck Pond in El Dorado Park, including dredging and reconfiguring pond, upgrading drainage and irrigation system, and habitat and site improvements, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (h)(i) and 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (j)(s) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves maintenance of existing landscaping and wildlife habitat areas at an existing facility; and repair and maintenance of irrigation systems.

The City of Long Beach proposed Citywide Various Park Landscaping and Irrigation Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of park irrigation and landscape improvements, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 (d) and 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 (a) and 4 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions; and new gardening and landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping.

The City of Long Beach proposed Houghton Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of irrigation and landscape improvements at entryways at Atlantic

and Myrtle in Houghton Park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (h) and 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (j)(s) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves maintenance of existing landscaping as well as repair and maintenance of irrigation systems.

The City of Long Beach proposed Stearns Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of repairing water damage and structural supports of the roof at Stearns Community Center, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (a) (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class (c)(d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves interior or exterior alterations and restorations or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at an existing facility.

The City of Long Beach proposed Wrigley Greenbelt Trail Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of development of decomposed granite multi-use trail, landscaping, amenities, and access, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 and 15304 (a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 and 4 (a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of new small structures or facilities, minor alterations to land, and new landscaping.

The City of Long Beach proposed Red Car Greenway Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of development of new park on former abandoned Pacific Electric railroad property, including a walking trail, landscape, and signage, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 and 15304 (a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 and 4 (a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of new small structures or facilities, minor alterations to land, and new landscaping.

The proposed projects will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed projects are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed projects' records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial

The Honorable Board of Directors

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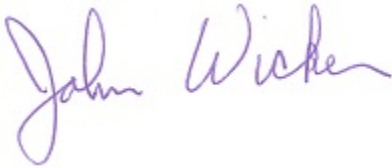
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District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Attachment I

Funding Assignment by Project

FUNDING ASSIGNMENT BY PROJECTS					
Project	Funding Type	Amount	Total Project Cost	Other Funding	Other Funding Type
South Coast Botanic Garden	1996 Specified 3.b.14	\$5,925,000			
	Specified Excess	\$1,075,000			
		\$7,000,000	\$13,749,000	\$6,749,000	SCBG Foundation
WCCA Acquisition	1996 Specified 3.b.14	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000		
DPR - Skate Park at Sorenson/Mayberry	Specified Excess	\$1,448,244			
	County Excess	\$551,756			
		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000		
Puente Hills Visitor Center	1996 Specified 3.b.14	\$2,500,000			
	1996 Competitive 3.a.3	\$2,500,000			
		\$5,000,000	\$13,379,861	\$8,379,861	Sanitation District Funds (\$3,379,861); Other Grants (\$5,000,000)
City of Long Beach					
14th Street Park Expansion	Cities Excess	\$200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000	CDBG
El Dorado Restroom Rehabilitation	Cities Excess	\$250,000			
El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration	Competitive Excess	\$300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,200,000	City one-time Funding
Various Park Landscaping and Irrigation Improvements	Competitive Excess	\$944,000	\$1,544,000	\$600,000	Other Funding
Houghton Park Improvements	Competitive Excess	\$300,000			
Stearns Park Improvements	Competitive Excess	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$300,000	Emergency CIP Funds
Wrigley Greenbelt Trail	Competitive Excess	\$325,000			
Red Car Greenway	Competitive Excess	\$81,000			
City of Long Beach Total:		\$2,600,000			

1996 Specified & Competitive Total:	\$11,925,000
Excess Funds Total:	\$5,675,000
Grand Total:	\$17,600,000